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Dear member

VACC has received advice from The Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment that the Australian Refrigeration Council (ARC) will now accept qualifications prior to 2005. i.e: trade papers.

This means qualified technicians only need to undertake the Air-conditioning skill set (2 units) to apply for an ARC restricted refrigeration license. There is no longer the requirement to undertake the whole AUR20216 Certificate II in Automotive Air Conditioning. VACC advocacy on this matter has resulted in positive change for automotive technicians wanting to apply for an air-conditioning license. VACC wishes to thank ARC and the Department for this sensible reform.

AAC02 - Refrigerant handling licence – qualified persons (Automotive air conditioning licence: 2 & 3 years)

Required Qualifications (Auto)

Certificates must include certified copy of statement of results

- AUR20218# Certificate II Automotive Air Conditioning Technology (current):

Note: Individuals who attain AUR20218 will be considered eligible to obtain the Automotive Air Conditioning Licence with a “No Retrofit or Modify” restriction, unless the statement of results shows the successful completion of the following competency unit:

- AURETU005 (previous AURETU3005) Retrofit and modify air conditioning and HVAC systems

This Automotive Air Conditioning Licence also excludes: Install air conditioning systems; and Overhaul air conditioning system components. Should an individual require an automotive licence enabling them to install and/or overhaul air conditioning system components, they must also undertake the following units:

- AURETU001 (previous AURETU2001) Install air conditioning systems; and/or
- AURETU007 (previous AURETU4007) Overhaul air conditioning and HVAC system compressors.

- AUR20216* (previous AUR20212) Certificate II in Automotive Air Conditioning Technology:

***Note: Individuals who attain AUR20216 will be considered eligible to obtain an Automotive Air Conditioning Licence excluding: Install air conditioning systems; and Overhaul air conditioning system components. Should an individual require an automotive licence enabling them to install and/or overhaul air conditioning system components, they must also undertake the following units:**

- AURETU001 (previous AURETU2001) Install air conditioning systems; and/or
- AURETU007 (previous AURETU4007) Overhaul air conditioning and HVAC system compressors.

Individuals who successfully complete all the required units in AUR20216 except for the following unit, will be considered eligible to obtain the Automotive Air Conditioning Licence with a “No Retrofit or Modify” restriction:

- AURETU005 (previous AURETU3005) Retrofit and modify air conditioning and HVAC systems

Individuals who attain any of the following ten (10) qualifications will be considered eligible to obtain an Automotive Air Conditioning Licence on the condition they include the following units:

- AURETU003 (previously AURETU2003) Service air conditioning and HVAC systems
- AURETU004 (previously AURETU2004) Diagnose and repair air conditioning and HVAC systems
- AURETU005 (previously AURETU2005) Retrofit and modify air conditioning and HVAC systems

Individuals who do not complete unit AURETU005 (previous AURETU3005) Retrofit and modify air conditioning and HVAC systems, will be considered eligible to obtain the Automotive Air Conditioning Licence with a 'No Retrofit or Modify' restriction:

This may be in addition to or as a part of these ten (10) qualifications:

- AUR20416 (previous AUR20412) Certificate II in Automotive Electrical Technology
- AUR21416 (previous AUR21412) Certificate II in Automotive Cooling System Technology
- AUR30316 (previous AUR30312) Certificate III in Automotive Electrical Technology
- AUR30416 (previous AUR30412) Certificate III in Agricultural Technology
- AUR30616 (previous AUR30612) Certificate III in Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology
- AUR31116 (previous AUR31114 or AUR31112) Certificate III in Heavy Commercial Vehicle Mechanical Technology
- AUR31216 (previous AUR31212) Certificate III in Mobile Plant Technology
- AUR31416 Certificate III in Automotive Diesel Fuel Technology
- AUR31516 Certificate III in Automotive Diesel Engine Technology
- AUR31716 (previous AUR31712) Certificate III in Forklift Technology

Or for one of the Automotive trades listed above achieved prior to AUR05 (2005):

- Successful completion of an Apprenticeship e.g., Proficiency Certificate; or
- Trade Recognition Certificate; or
- Trade Certificate with a Trade Outcome and evidence of automotive industry experience

AUR20705 Certificate II in Automotive – Mechanical – Air Conditioning (superseded):

Note: For AUR20705, if evidence of having completed AURT322645A Overhaul air conditioning system components (or equivalent) or AURT422645A Overhaul air conditioning system components (or equivalent) is not supplied, the licence will be issued restricting the holder to work other than the overhaul of air conditioning system components.

AUR30405 meets requirements for the Automotive licence provided it includes passes in the following units:

- AURT222670A - Service air conditioning systems
- AURT322666A - Repair/retrofit air conditioning systems
- AUR20799** Certificate II in Automotive – Mechanical – Air Conditioning (superseded):

****Note: For AUR20799, if evidence of having completed: AUR22631A Install air conditioning systems (or equivalent); and/or AUR22645A Overhaul air conditioning system components (or equivalent) is not supplied, the licence will be issued restricting the holder to work other than Install air conditioning systems; and/or and Overhaul air conditioning system components.**

If you have completed one of the qualifications that has been superseded and would like further information on whether you are still eligible for an ARC tick licence, please contact the Australian Refrigeration Council on 1300 88 44 83.

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